

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday March 26, 2015

Chairman Sue White opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge. Sue stated that she reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, FO Mary Rodenbucher, L. Klodt, D. Rice, E. Myrla, G. Harrison, R. Huth, A. Wilson, A. Piggott, C. Mangold, R. Nichols

Old Business

Mike reported that he, Roger, and Larry attended the mediation hearing with Witmer's attorney and owners. Mike commented that they calmly stated our case. Mike has not heard back yet from Nelson Witmer. Mike asked Mary to prepare the check for towing and parts as was previously approved. Mary will mail the check and we will see what happens.

Roger has not heard back from Bill Steiner about the wood chipper. Larry spoke to Bill who stated that he has not cleared anything through the Commissioners yet. It will likely be sealed bids.

Sue reported on the quarterly zoning meeting which was attended by Todd Peetz of Regional Planning. The ZC will review the current plan and Todd's recommendations. Sue reported that she attended the Historical Society meeting. The Historical Society paid the property taxes on the Schoolhouse property. The Historical Society would like the property transferred to the township since they cannot get insurance for the Schoolhouse and/or property in their name. Sue explained that Glenna Moyer purchased the property and donated it to the Historical Society. The Historical Society would like to have the township place the property on their insurance policy for liability purposes. Sue explained previous discussions about moving the Schoolhouse to the Old School Park. Chris Meduri advises that we should not buy the property and move the Schoolhouse. There was discussion about how other townships handle their Historical Society buildings. Most lease the buildings for \$1.00 per year. Sue reiterated that we will not use any township money to move or fix up the Schoolhouse. Sue is not sure what the future will bring especially with all the changes taking place. Mike stated that it would be a separate liability addition. Roger would like to have Chris Meduri review the proposal. Sue stated that the Historical Society is hoping to have meetings and fundraisers in the Schoolhouse. Mike would like to get an insurance estimate before proceeding as there are other projects that need to be addressed. Carol stated that the Historical Society can pay for the insurance but cannot get it in their name. Mike commented that this has turned into a complicated issue. Mike would like to continue this discussion at the next meeting. Carol appreciates whatever the township can do. Mike commented that the majority of the younger generation has no interest in history as does our generation. Mike feels the track/football stadium proposal for our school poses the question of priorities. Sue realizes it is a money issue.

New Business

Roger reported that we (RFD) are still not interested in signing the MOU. Sue feels if Chief Lang is not on board then we should follow his recommendation. She will attend EM A next week and ask for an update. Roger spoke about the township clean-up day which is normally held before Memorial Day. There was discussion about the date and roadside clean-up using volunteers. Sue will check on volunteers. Roger will contact Bill Steiner to set up our clean-up day for either April 29 or May 16.

Mary reported that she received information from the OTA that payments will be made from the Office of Development Services from their Local Government Innovation Fund to Ohio counties as part of the \$10 million disbursement to townships passed in the 130th General Assembly Lane Duck Session. Randolph Township will receive \$7,586.55.

Mary placed the January bank reconciliation in the trustee's mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to accept the January bank reconciliation. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue -yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 47 - 57 totaling \$179,891.63 and pay warrants 36176 - 36208 and EFTs/vouchers 98-118 totaling \$71,072.72. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike -yes; Sue - yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on salt usage, road and equipment maintenance. Larry has continued researching costs for a salt shed. He feels it should not cost more than \$50,000. Mike feels we should engage in the summer salt purchase and move forward with salt shed. Mike commented that he does not foresee an increase of salt prices and if the prices drop it will not be significant enough to warrant a large order. Mike requested that Larry have specs for the next meeting. He suggested we advertise for bids to be opened at end of April. Mike stated that we need to be prudent with our timelines. Mike moved to engage in the summer salt purchase program with a 300 ton order. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.

Larry would like to advertise for our 2015 chip and seal and stone bids. Mike moved to advertise for our 2015 chip and seal and stone bid. Roger seconded. Discussion: Mary asked when the bids be opened. Mike stated the last meeting in April. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes. Larry stated that we need to consider replacing the AC unit which was stolen last fall. Mike will get with Larry on Monday. Larry requested that all winter decorations should be removed from the cemeteries by April 12, 2015. Anything left after will be disposed of by the township. Mike so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes. Roger received a call from Jasen Bryan about vehicles short cutting through the fire department parking lot at the traffic light. It has greatly increased since it was paved. Sue also brought up issues from residents who thought East employees are using the SC/CC parking lot as a short cut. There was discussion about ways to prevent these issues. Mike suggested posting legal signs and have a sheriff monitor the area. Roger suggested contacting ODOT to change traffic light for that time of day. Mike commented that they problems in the past when they tried changing the timing of the stop lights. Roger feels it is worth a phone call.

Sue presented the Zoning Department report. One permit was issued as well as one lot split. A written complaint about a vacation rental by owner (VRBO) on Eberly Road was received. An infraction notice has been sent and the prosecutor has been alerted to the situation. Sue stated that this was brought up for discussion at the zoning meeting. Sue explained whatever our prosecutor advises us to do we need to follow through. Sue asked Mike if there is anything more we can do. Mike stated that the court system is overloaded with important items and wants the townships zoning boards to work through other matters. The only problem is that an appeal takes longer. Mike stated that the key issue has to do with tax such as a bed tax, vendor's license. It needs to be inspected for hotel usage. This has more teeth to stop it than zoning. Sue asked what was done differently in the past. Mike stated that the precedent case was the Randolph Fair. The Fair took the case to the federal court for violating civil rights for their use of land. The two parties eventually settled after many years. He does not know what else we can do. Rick asked about the VRBO. Sue explained what has been going on and how it has disrupted the neighbors. Sue and Mike both commented that we it was handled last year, but it is worse now than before.

Roger presented the Fire Department report. Responses for February 2015: EMS - 30; Fire - 6; MVC - 2; INC -2; Tests - 4 for a monthly total of 44 and YTD total of 87. Chief Lang reported on membership, public relations, and training. Business inspections are on-going. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, March 29 at 1:00 p.m. Roger read letter from Chief Lang requesting approval for the following for fire department operations:

1. Water softener has not worked since this past fall. He requested that the General Fund pay for the softener since it serves the Town Hall, Library, and fire station. The RFD will install the unit at no additional cost. Sue so moved. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.
2. Purchase new Nomex hoods for every current member. The cost is \$950 from Finley Fire Equipment. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.
3. Two RFD members would like to attend the Ohio Oil and Gas Education Program to be held on April 11 and 12. The cost is \$100 for both members. Chief Lang will send the check with the registration. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. Discussion: Mary stated that the next meeting is April 9 and likely too late for registration. Mike stated that we can reimburse the Randolph Volunteer Fire Company so they registration is sent in on time. RCV: Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.
4. Several sets of firefighting turnout gear need replaced due to wear or incorrect sizing for newer members. All of the gear needing replaced was purchased in 1998 or 2003. The Randolph Volunteer Fire Company recently approved the purchase of four sets of gear that will be given to the department at a cost of \$8,000. Chief Lang requested that the township supplement this order by providing \$2,000 to purchase a fifth set of gear from Finley Fire Equipment. This will provide correctly fitting and up-to-date protective gear for all of our current non-probationary volunteers. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. Discussion: Sue asked what fund would be paying for the additional gear. Mike stated that the Fire Fund would pay. Mary asked if the township is reimbursing

the Fire Company. Mike stated that it will likely be on a separate invoice. RCV; Roger - yes; Mike - yes; Sue - yes.



Public Comment

Doug questioned the inspection of septic tanks. He read an article about Senator John Eklund wanting to give townships ability to review the systems. Sue went to the meeting and did not make any progress. The problem lies in interpretation which varies between counties. Sue urged everyone to contact our legislators.

Gary reported that the Food Shelf is working on a new brochure. Gary commented that vehicles are speeding through the parking lot by the library. He was backing out of the parking spot in front of the library and was almost hit. He asked if "Caution" or "Slow" signs could be posted.

Carol did not realize that the Beverly Bird Sanctuary was being closed. She thought the Garden Club was taking care of the park. Sue stated that we tried but it is too wet. All the effort to correct the problems have not helped.

With no further questions, the budget hearing adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



Susan White, Chairman

Mary A Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer